

State of Alaska FY2007 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Public Safety Judicial Services-Anchorage Component Budget Summary

Component: Judicial Services-Anchorage

Contribution to Department's Mission

Preserve public peace, protect life, property, and resources.

Core Services

By statute, the commissioner of the Department of Public Safety is the executive officer of the Alaska Supreme Court. Across the state, those responsibilities are delegated and carried out by Alaska State Troopers and Court Service Officers (CSOs) assigned to Judicial Services units within the Division of Alaska State Troopers. Troopers allocated to patrol and investigative assignments assist the troopers and officers assigned to Judicial Services. Judicial Services is responsible for providing security to the Alaska Court System, the safe transportation of inmates to and from court and between correctional institutions, and the extradition of wanted persons to and from the state, as well as the timely service of legal process. While only those positions located in Anchorage are budgeted in the Judicial Services–Anchorage component, this narrative discusses duties of the Judicial Services units statewide.

Security provided by Judicial Services includes protection of the public, the judiciary, and prisoners; security of court facilities; and maintaining peace and order in the courtrooms. Judicial Services transports felons, misdemeanants, and fugitives between institutions, between institutions and courthouses, and to and from doctor’s appointments. Prisoners are guarded while at the courthouse and doctor’s office. Troopers and officers assigned to Judicial Services transport prisoners within and outside of Alaska. Prisoners who are transported outside Alaska require two escorts and the trip usually takes several days to complete.

Writs served include subpoenas, summons and complaints, writs of assistance, evictions, executions, child custody orders, mental health commitments, domestic violence protective orders, and several other types of court process. Service requests are generated by various criminal justice agencies including the Public Defender Agency, Office of Public Advocacy, Department of Corrections, Department of Law, Department of Health and Social Services, Department of Revenue, federal and municipal law enforcement agencies inside and outside Alaska, and the public.

FY2007 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results		
FY2007 Component Budget: \$2,933,100	Personnel:	
	Full time	31
	Part time	0
	Total	31

Key Component Challenges

The number of court services officers (CSOs) located around the state is inadequate to properly handle increased court security concerns, move prisoners, and serve court writs. Over the years, the number of CSO positions has neither kept pace with the increase in the numbers of criminal and civil cases, nor with the increase in the number of judges or courts to be served. The number of prisoner moves is steadily increasing each and every year since the inception of these duties. Over the last three fiscal years alone, the number of prisoner moves has increased approximately 4 percent per year the first 2 years, and 7.2 percent last year. The early numbers for the first quarter of FY2006 indicate it may go as high as 8 percent this year, which would be an overall increase of 15 percent in just three years. In real numbers, this would be a change from 59,891 moves to approximately 65,000 moves. This, coupled with any increase in writ services, ex partes, etc., will significantly exacerbate existing manpower shortages.

In addition, the Department of Law’s Collections unit was recently charged with helping victims collect restitution

judgments. This has resulted in process that has to be served on virtually every correctional institution and almost all financial institutions statewide. In addition, the Kotzebue contract jail has reopened but due to increases in numbers of arrests and the 20 day maximum stay requirement, additional manpower is being used to transport the inmates back and forth on chartered aircraft to the Nome DOC facility.

The increased need for court service officers across the state has resulted in significantly more trooper time devoted to help cover the Judicial Services units' duties.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2007

Four new court service officer positions were funded by the legislature in FY2006 (two in Anchorage, one in Fairbanks, and one in Palmer). The department is requesting five more CSO positions in FY2007. These positions, along with the non-commissioned positions that were reclassified to CSO in FY2004/FY2005, will help in reducing the need for trooper overtime to assist Judicial Service units around the state.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2005

Judicial Services units are located in Anchorage, Barrow, Fairbanks, Juneau, Kenai, Ketchikan, and Palmer. These offices collectively accomplished the following in FY2005

- Warrants received: 9,306
- Warrants served or closed: 9,223
- Writs received: 34,247
- Writs served or closed: 32,357
- Total prisoners moved: 59,891

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

DPS-Powers and duties of department (AS 44.41.020)
State Troopers (AS 18.65.010 - AS 18.65.110)
Police Protection (AS 18.65.010 - AS 18.65.790)
Law enforcement duties (AS 18.65.010 - AS 18.65.086)
Controlled Substances (AS 11.71.010 - AS 11.71.900)
Judicial Services (AS 22.20.100 - AS 22.20.140)
Prisoner Transportation (AS 33.30.071 and AS 33.30.081)
Search & Rescue (AS 18.60.120 - AS 18.60.175)
Village Public Safety Officer Definition (AS 01.10.060(c)(7)(C))
VPSO Program (AS 18.65.670)
VPSO Regulations (13 AAC 96.010-900)
Concealed Handgun Permits (AS 18.65.700)
Security Guard Licensing (AS 18.65.400 - AS 18.65.410)
Sex Offender Registration (AS 12.63.010 - AS 12.63.100)
Central Registry of Sex Offenders (AS 18.65.087)
Department to assist other agencies (AS 18.65.090)
Document and disseminate information regarding homicides (AS 44.41.040)
Document and investigate missing persons (AS 18.65.610)
Investigate fires resulting from crimes (AS 18.70.030)
Investigate sexual assault and child exploitation (AS 18.65.086)
DUI Forfeiture Requirements (AS 28.35.036-.037)
DPS DNA collection and registration requirements (AS 44.41.035)
Duty of Law Enforcement to Provide VCCB information (AS 18.67.175)
Rights of Crime Victims to be notified orally and in writing by Law Enforcement (AS 12.61.010)
Aeronautics (AS 02)
Criminal (AS 11)
Environment (AS 46)
Fish & Game (AS 16)
Fish & Game (5 AAC)
Guide/Outfitting (12 AAC)

Guide/Outfitting (AS 08)
Health & Safety (AS 18)
Limited Entry (20 AAC)
State Government (AS 44)
Training (13 AAC 85)
Training (AS 44.41.020(a))

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**Judicial Services-Anchorage
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2005 Actuals	FY2006 Management Plan	FY2007 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	1,891.0	2,313.8	2,566.4
72000 Travel	3.9	0.0	0.0
73000 Services	260.8	304.7	306.6
74000 Commodities	16.3	17.3	21.3
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	44.6	38.8
77000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	2,172.0	2,680.4	2,933.1
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	2,133.0	2,632.4	2,882.7
1156 Receipt Supported Services	39.0	48.0	50.4
Funding Totals	2,172.0	2,680.4	2,933.1

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2005 Actuals	FY2006 Management Plan	FY2007 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues				
Receipt Supported Services	51073	39.0	48.0	50.4
Restricted Total		39.0	48.0	50.4
Total Estimated Revenues		39.0	48.0	50.4

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2006 Management Plan to FY2007 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2006 Management Plan	2,632.4	0.0	48.0	2,680.4
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Delete one-time costs for two new Court Service Officers	-69.2	0.0	0.0	-69.2
-FY 07 Wage Increases for Bargaining Units and Non-Covered Employees	59.3	0.0	0.7	60.0
-FY 07 Health Insurance Cost Increases for Bargaining Units and Non-Covered Employees	5.1	0.0	0.2	5.3
-FY 07 Retirement Systems Cost Increase	78.4	0.0	1.2	79.6
Proposed budget increases:				
-Enhance Court Security in Anchorage	147.3	0.0	0.0	147.3
-State Trooper Supervisory Unit Pay Adjustment	7.8	0.0	0.0	7.8
-Risk Management Self-Insurance Funding Increase	21.6	0.0	0.3	21.9
FY2007 Governor	2,882.7	0.0	50.4	2,933.1

**Judicial Services-Anchorage
Personal Services Information**

Authorized Positions		Personal Services Costs		
	<u>FY2006</u> <u>Management</u> <u>Plan</u>	<u>FY2007</u> <u>Governor</u>		
Full-time	30	31	Annual Salaries	1,491,074
Part-time	0	0	COLA	64,152
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay	145,552
			Annual Benefits	950,221
			<i>Less 3.19% Vacancy Factor</i>	(84,599)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	30	31	Total Personal Services	2,566,400

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Accounting Clerk I	2	0	0	0	2
Administrative Clerk II	3	0	0	0	3
Administrative Clerk III	2	0	0	0	2
Court Services Officer	19	0	0	0	19
Lieutenant, AK State Troopers	1	0	0	0	1
Sergeant PS	2	0	0	0	2
State Trooper	2	0	0	0	2
Totals	31	0	0	0	31